

UMass Lowell reacts to tragedy

by Rob Velella
Connector Editor

As the last bits of the sun's rays disappeared from the late evening sky, candles began to burn as a symbol of hope and remembrance in the Donahue Quad on Friday, Sept. 14.

President George W. Bush had declared the day one of prayer and mourning across the nation on behalf of those affected by the tragedy of Sept. 11. UMass Lowell played its part with around 200 students forming a circle on Residential North that evening, holding candles and saying prayers. The

group of students also sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."

The vigil was one of several events held on campus in light of the catastrophic events of Sept. 11, when three commercial airplanes were used as ammunition against the World Trade Center Towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A "Peace and Remembrance" ceremony had been held in Cumnock Auditorium on Wednesday, not to mention various smaller prayer groups that were organized spontaneously throughout resi-

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Photo by Rob Velella

Around 200 students gathered in front of Donahue Hall on Friday for a candlelight vigil and prayer service.



Photo by Rosalind Wyman

Symbols of patriotism appeared around the nation all last week, including this flag and banner outside of Bourgeois Hall on Residential North.

Remembrance in Cumnock

by Jeff Todd
Connector Contributor

Members of the university community gathered in Cumnock Hall on Wednesday to share in a time of prayer and singing to commemorate the tragedies that occurred in our nation this week. Over 100 members of the student body, faculty and staff participated in a multi-faith service sponsored by the UMass Lowell Campus Ministry and lead by Katy Pytlak and Casey Murphy, ministers from the Catholic Center.

Many American and international students expressed their grief together with several of the University's deans and prominent faculty members, demonstrating their solidarity with a candle-lighting ceremony.

Dean Duggan commented, "If we at our age are feeling so anxious, then how are students with so much less experience in life feeling?"

The memorial service included a Buddhist litany for peace, a prayer for Jewish worship, a litany prayer, the Prayer of St. Francis, the International Prayer for Peace, and a moment of silent remembrance.

Lisa Chandonet is a senior political science major at UMass Lowell who has an internship this semester at the State Department in Washington, D.C. Her mother, Rose, who works in Southwick Hall, attended the service. "This helped me feel more connected to the community. I am less angry than yesterday. I have more hope now, knowing my daughter is safe, and for the leaders and the people, knowing that something good will come out of this."

Apurva Bhuta, a graduate student in manufacturing systems, attended the memorial service. "We are praying for peace and love, but that is

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4-Day Weather Forecast for the Lowell Area, Sept. 18-21

Senior Student Meteorologist: Kristen L. Kerouac

Tuesday:

Partly sunny to start, mostly cloudy by evening. Slight chance of PM showers. Fog developing overnight. Highs in low 70s, lows near 50.

Wednesday:

Morning clouds and fog giving way to partial sunshine. Highs will be near 70, with lows between 50 and 55.

Thursday:

Partly sunny to start with increasing clouds. Showers possible after midnight. Highs in low 70s, lows 50-55.

Friday:

The wettest day in the forecast! Showers from start to finish; heavy rain likely at times. Highs 65-70, with lows in the upper 50s.

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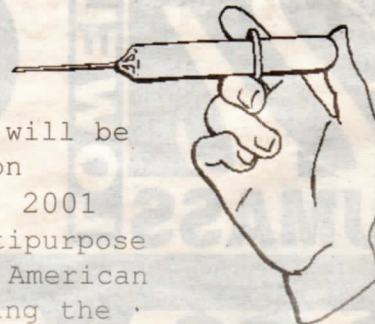
"WAR ON AMERICA"



Photo by Dawn Naves

A Boston vendor displays his selection of newspapers last week in front of a subway station. For obvious reasons, newspaper sales skyrocketed as Americans sought out as much information about possible regarding Tuesday's tragedy.

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What is the Taliban?

by Colleen Heffernan
Connector Staff

The Taliban originated in Islamic schools and actually means seekers after knowledge. The ultimate goal of the Taliban is to make Afghanistan a completed Islamic state. They are a group of religious extremists who came together in 1994 due to the years of civil war in Afghanistan.

This group is considered to be a group of religious martyrs who will stop at nothing to get what they believe their people deserve. According to Musa M. Maroffi, the former vice-dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Kabul University, the Taliban "has been recognized as an inseparable part of the social fabric." This phenomenon is the marriage of religion and government that has high hopes of absolute power.

The laws of the Taliban are strict, and any violation of these laws leads to extreme forms of punishment. Men are forced to wear long beards while women are forced to wear veils. Women

are also not allowed to go to school, walk down the street by themselves, own property, or wear any clothing aside from the *burka*, a coarse robe that covers the woman from head to foot. She is allowed a small mesh square to see and breath from while out in public. The people under the rule of the Taliban are scared into submission by such disciplinary actions as the cutting off of one's hand if caught stealing. Women are routinely stoned to death if caught in the act of adultery.

With regards to the tragedy on Sept. 11, the Taliban officially condemned the attacks, and leaders stated that Osama bin Laden had nothing to do with it. On Thursday, Secretary of State Colin Powell named bin Laden, who is protected by the Taliban in Afghanistan, a prime suspect. An aide to bin Laden stated that he had nothing to do with the offensive acts brought upon America last week, but explained that bin Laden called them a "punishment from Allah." The suspect, bin Laden, still has a \$5 million reward for suspected involvement in the 1998 bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

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Graduate employee union kicks off semester

by Jeff Todd
Connector Contributor

The Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) is kicking off the semester with a contract ratification meeting this Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Kiston 304 on North Campus. The GEO is the union that represents graduate student who are teaching assistants (TAs) and research assistants (RAs).

"We are excited about our new contract," said Nirav Shah who is co-president of the graduate union. "Not only were we able to secure a raise for TAs and RAs, but we also secured intellectual property rights for our members, increased the number of paid union repre-

sentatives on campus and reworked the employment contracts that all of our employees must fill out."

In addition to ratifying the contract, the meeting will serve as a forum for TAs and RAs to ask questions over pizza and drinks provided by the union. "We hope that many of the graduate employees will come out to this event. It is great way for students who are going to be here for several years to get a chance to meet each other," said Chanin 'Art' Kulsethanchalee, co-president of GEO. "We want to hear graduate student's voices about what their needs are and how we can make the university a better place to work."

The union will meet with members of the university administration on Tuesday

to review final copies of the new contract which will be available at the meeting on Wednesday according to Cathy Ferreira, past president of GEO and chief negotiator of the contract.

Union members also participate in a training session this past week that was sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Pluralism. Over fifty students from all three campus attended the workshop on held on North Campus. "It was beneficial for the employees to find about the support available from the university's human resources department and parts of the school," said Shah.

The two-day workshop, coordinated by Dr. Chandrika Sharma, included presentation from different departments and the union, presentations on cultural differ-

ences between foreign and U.S. classrooms, and a session on sexual harassment.

The GEO is part of the United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 1596, and has represented graduate employees at UMass Lowell since 1993. All graduate employees fund the union with a mandatory 1.5 percent payroll deduction. In addition to agreeing on its third contract this month, the union has helped several graduate students in the Criminal Justice and Electrical Engineering Departments to win back jobs that had been denied to them. The union and university also established a state-funded Health and Welfare Trust Fund to help meet the needs of graduate employees on the UMass Lowell campus.

UML alumnus endows student ACM chapter

Press Release

An alumnus of the University of Massachusetts Lowell has permanently endowed the student chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) with a \$10,000 donation and challenge grant for the same amount. Several computer science students are reviving the chapter, which was defunct for about five years. This is the first ACM chapter to have an endowment.

The endowment could reach as much as \$75,000. David E. Shulman '85, M'87, formerly of Peabody, donated \$10,000, which was matched by his company, Microsoft. If the Commonwealth of Massachusetts continues to match donations to state colleges, the gift could jump to \$30,000. Shulman also gave a challenge grant stipulating that he will match dollar for dollar raised by the students up to \$10,000, and with the potential matches, the endowment could reach over \$75,000 total. The students already have a \$1,000 donation from EMC Corporation.

"The students wanted to get things started in a fresh, bold way and really wanted to have a real top of the line chapter," Shulman said. "They have the drive and ambition to make things succeed. I said, 'maybe I can kick start the program.'"

The chapter has big plans for the coming year including a Fall Kick-Off Party, several industry speakers, a visit to a local high school, tours of local companies, and of course, fundraising. As the chapter grows, Shulman hopes it will play a key role in the departmental speaker series he sponsors. But first, they need to set up a space for the club

equipped with computers and a library.

Many of the students currently belonging to the chapter won't see the money they are raising put to use since they figure it will take most of the year to reach the \$10,000 goal. But they feel it is completely worth it knowing that the chapter will have the funds to exist as long as there is student interest. Perhaps even more important is the contribution to their own education.

"What we're learning is invaluable stuff. The bottom line is who you know. You can't put a price on that," said senior Jim McCarthy.

The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) is a major force in advancing the skills of information technology professionals and students. ACM serves its global membership by delivering cutting-edge technical information and transferring ideas from theory to practice. ACM, with its world-class journals and magazines, dynamic special interest groups, and numerous conferences, workshops, and electronic forums, is a primary resource to the information technology field. For additional information about ACM, visit <http://www.acm.org>.

The University of Massachusetts Lowell Computer Science Department offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral accredited programs. Combining both the applied and the theoretical aspects of computation, UMass Lowell Computer Science graduates are highly sought after from regional and international companies including Avici Systems, Cisco Systems, and Compaq. The department boasts more than 1,500 alumni, most of them working in Massachusetts.

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difficult to accomplish in the world. So many people are hurt because of what they experienced in this tragedy. People are shaken up because they feel like they lost their sense of control. They should focus on trying to be good."

At the conclusion of the service, ministers of the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship and Catholic Center as well as staff of the Counseling Center were available to speak with students. Dr. Noel Cartwright, Director of the Counseling Center said, "It is important that there are places where people can gather with others to focus themselves and express their feelings in an atmosphere that is supportive and reflective. Events like this allow people to integrate their feelings into a broader framework."

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dence halls.

Friday, however, was a special time throughout the country. The ceremony in the Donahue Quad was identical to other ceremonies all over the United States and different parts of the world.

The day was meant for prayer, though most used it more to enhance their patriotic spirit. Once the night had settled in, all through the city of Lowell, people were gathering outdoors with candles, American flags, and other symbols. Cars which drove by, often decorated with flags themselves, would honk their horns. People were cheering in the streets. Even the Escort Service Van had a small American flag replica.

Emily Neal, Resident Director of Concordia Hall, said that the gravity of the situation has "brought most people together." She was pleased with how people looked to their friends and fellow residents for support through these ordeals. "We have to pull together as a University and build community

to help others in time of need," she said.

"It's crazy," said Missy Charbonneau, a resident of Donahue Hall and a plastics engineering major. But, she added, "I think it was nice that we can all unite as a nation in remembrance of those killed in the attacks. The candles and flags are very inspiring to see driving by houses and passing cars."

The attack on the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon left every member of the University community with some kind of emotion, be it anger, sadness, or confusion. The devastation was the main topic of conversation in dining halls, residence halls, and classrooms for most of the week.

As an official declaration of war looms ominously on the horizon, however, Friday was a day of peace, without violence. It was a day for Americans to come together.

As of this writing, approximately 180 people were confirmed dead after sifting through the wreckage of the World Trade Center. Over 5,000 remained unaccounted for.

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OPINIONS & LETTERS

FACULTY/STAFF GUEST COLUMN

Remember

by Melissa Cheliras

Campus Minister,
Abundant Life Christian Fellowship

The events of the past week have stopped time, drastically interrupted life as we know it. We will forever remember the date September 11, 2001. It will transform our world, in remembered God. Everywhere you look people are praying ways we have only begun to understand.

How it will transform you?

Each of us stand at a crux in life. Ten years from now will you be bitter about the tragic events of last Tuesday, angry, will you even remember, or will you have hope?

As our nation has paused to remember victims, we have also remembered God. Everywhere you look people are praying.

Why? What difference does it make?

Prayer offers hope.

It is not simply a remembrance of past sorrow and tragedy, but a remembrance of God. A God who is merciful, understands with compassion. A God who offers peace beyond all comprehension through Jesus Christ, giving us hope to carry on.

We remember God through prayer. In the Words of Reverend Billy Graham, we have been brought back to the foundation of life just as the World Trade Center Towers were brought back to their foundation. The events of the past week have ripped us apart emotionally and brought us down to our foundation.

Here is the question I pose to you: as the dust settles what will you rebuild your life on? I can look at my life and see two different options. Self-dependence and fear, which has left me lonely. And faith, which has given me strength and peace. Loneliness is a cancer that is never satisfied always leaving us thirsty and insecure. It is based in our short comings and the short comings of others and is always striving for an unattainable perfection. Faith gives us hope. It overflows from an endless spring. It acknowledges our imperfections and places our trust in one greater than ourselves. One who will never fall or forsake us. God. A rock on which we can stand. Romans 5 says that if we place our faith in God even when we face hard times we can have hope. Because suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character hope. And hope does not disappoint us. It is not a hope that life here on earth will be roses or last forever. It is a hope eternal given to us through the redeeming blood of Jesus. A hope sweeter than any joy we have ever known and deeper than any sorrow we have ever faced.

Where will I go from here? I know who I have believed in and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which he's committed. I have hope. I will remember.

Where will you? Will you slide back into the habits of yesterday leaving yourself unprepared for future tribulation? Or will you put your hope in God continuing to call out to him through prayer, admitting your faults, and placing your faith in him? Letting him save you and finding a hope to carry on during times of heartache and trial.

Unity and a spirit of brotherly love have been a blessing during the past week. These are qualities that can be integrated into our lives, transforming us. If we continue to remember.

Alive and Well:

"You've Got To Fight For Your Right"

by Mike Reidy
Connector Columnist

By earning the right to vote, women celebrated a major victory in the fight for equality. In the years since the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920, we have seen amazing changes in our culture. Business, politics, and even relationships have seen the breaking down of the barriers that once held women as outsiders in a world dominated by men, with most of the changes occurring in the last decade.

It is no longer acceptable to consider women to be inferior to men. Not only is it considered politically incorrect, but more importantly, it is just untrue. Men used to dominate the business world with their vicious, money hungry strategies. It is now the female CEOs that have men cowering in their cubicles and opposing companies shivering in fear. After what seems like an infinite time of discrimination, women are finally beginning to dominate the workplace.

Politics was once an untouchable arena for women. The male gladiators of politics once held a tight reign on federal, state, and local governments. However, the recent years have seen women in high positions such as Mayors, Governors, Representatives, Senators, and even Supreme Court Justices. It is only a matter of time before we find ourselves under the leadership of a female President of the United States.

With all of these advances in the workplace and politics, it is only to be expected that the dynamics in relationships between men and women have changed as well. Cross gender friendships are becoming much more common and acceptable in our culture. Dating has also seen tremendous changes, with many men finding themselves in reversed roles, and women finding themselves as the dominating personality.

It saddens me to say however that men still have more rights than women, with one in particular standing out in my mind. Just as the right to vote was an important issue, I believe that women need to once again take to the streets in protest. Call your Senator, call your State Representative, and even call The President of the United States. Tell them that you want...no...that you DEMAND your right to be drafted into the Armed Forces!

When a man turns 18, he is not required to register to vote, even though it is his duty as an American Citizen. However, he is required to register for Selective Service, which ensures that he will fulfill his duty to his country. Many men have filed lawsuits on this topic citing discrimination. Obviously these policies have not been changed yet, but it makes me wonder. Why is that women are not more outraged over this? If women want to be considered equal to men, it has to be across the board, not selective equality...

A rude awakening

by Ryan Lee
UML Student

I reluctantly drag myself out of bed at about 10 minutes before 12 to get ready for my 12:30 class. This is my first class on Tuesdays and Thursdays so I often take advantage of being able to sleep in. Groggy and slightly incoherent I stumble over to my computer to check my email. I get an instant message from a friend. Terrorist attack... World Trade Center col-

lapsed... Pentagon hit... another in Pittsburgh... could lead to war. I look around myself in a state of shock, trying to determine whether I am still asleep and dreaming.

So we do what we always do when real life hits this hard. We turn on the TV. Hours upon hours of TV, watching the same disaster from three different angles, over and over. I watch as the buildings crumble to the ground as if they were made of sand, creating huge clouds of dust that floods the

city of New York, and all I can think is "This isn't real. How can this be real?" My body shifts into fight or flight mode, yet I can't really find an outlet to do either, so I pace. I imagine that much of the US is doing the same thing, fidgeting like bees in a hive that have been disturbed, angry and buzzing.

On the TV a man paces back and forth in front of a crowd of spectators,

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Homeless students

by Jeff Todd
Doctoral Student

While the terrible tragedies that occurred this week definitely occupied my mind, I could not help but be disturbed by something else that was going on around me, student homelessness.

Perhaps this problem is due to the tight housing market in Lowell. It is very hard to get an apartment around here. I know that it took a couple of months and a hefty realty company fee to find the place where I am living now—and that was looking during the “off season.”

Several of my friends are homeless this week, having to get out of the apartment they were living in, and not being able to find a new place. They are living out of their cars, and one of them has been crashing

on my couch for over a week. They look at several apartments every day.

While I was eating lunch at the TA and RA workshop last week, I heard about a couple of students who just moved here and can not find a place to live. Having no car, they are limited in their choices. Their need to get to West Campus in Chelmsford makes their situation more difficult.

While I can not propose a solution to this problem, I am interested in hear from fellow students about your experiences with homelessness, and would like to write about this issue in the Connector. How has homelessness affected you and your friends, classmates, or students? Please send your stories to jtodd@netway.com. I promise to keep your identity confidential in reporting on this story.

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waving an American flag. With tears in his eyes his glance switches from the remnants of the demolished building to the tips of his shoes. He can't bear to look, but he can't bear to look away either. This is the way that I feel. Part of me wants to keep watching, as if I stare at it long enough it will start to make sense. The other part of me is heart broken when I watch and just wants to turn away, but I can't. In between these two conflicting urges lies an unexpected feeling of unity, maybe even patriotism. None of my family or anyone that I know died in the disaster, but I can't help but feel that I have been personally injured, that the attack was directed towards me specifically in some way.

Later on in the week a candle light vigil is held in the memory of those who died, but while it is touching and well meaning, it doesn't make me feel any better. It feels empty and miniscule in comparison to what happened and how I feel about it, like trying to empty a pool with a thimble. The streets are lined with people armed with candles and flags. The night is supposed to be a time of mourning and reflection, but with all the yelling and honking in the streets it feels more like a tailgate party for a football game.

I find myself becoming choked up at certain parts of the day, often with no provocation. My first instinct when confronted with an ominous situation is to deal with it by joking, but in this case it feels grossly inappropriate. I try to describe how I feel to my friends and family but always fail for lack of the words to describe it. I decide that I can't bear to talk about it anymore, but I try to change the subject only to find that I can't really talk of anything else.

In the room next to me I hear

a keyboard rendition of America the beautiful accompanied by bouts of laughter. I think about how the current situation changes my consciousness and how I interpret the things going on around me. A sudden loud clap of thunder begins a rain storm, and the first thought that passes through my head is that it's an explosion. Sirens from police cars, ambulances and fire engines wail outside my window every half an hour or so, as they always do in Lowell, but now every time I hear them my ears perk up, and I wonder if something has happened. I realize immediately that I'm being ridiculous and over paranoid, but these thoughts still pop in my head, if only for a moment.

I want justice for this. I hope that there is a punishment waiting for the people who made this happen, in this life or the next. But I also fear what could happen in the process of trying to get revenge. Nothing that we can do can bring those victims back from the dead, but there is so much that could happen to increase the death toll. I fear for the lives of Americans that could be lost if we go to war. A friend of mine who just joined the military this past summer tells me that he's on alert, and chances are good that he'll be called in within the next couple of days. I fear for the lives of innocent people who will suffer simply based on their ethnicity, religion, or where they live. A truck drives by painted with the words “F*** Allah”.

I hope everything will be ok and that whatever happens will happen quickly. I hope that in the future I will look back with embarrassment at getting so emotional and worried about something that turned out to be nothing. Ultimately I am powerless to do anything about it right now, and all I can do is wait, and pray for the best.

My thoughts on the attack on America

by Kotasone Nomichith Sr.

I sat in class as the messages started popping onto the screen one by one. Everybody was asking if I had heard the news. As I tried to respond through the popping windows I realized my friends could not be talking about Michael Jordan's return. As this thought crossed my mind many of my friends were one by one telling me about the crashes at the WTC and the Pentagon. Startled, I reported the news to my professor and showed him my messages without thinking of the fact that I was chatting during class. As a class we tried to access every news site we could think of, but of course they were all tied up. The Professor said we were excused to watch the news up in the lounge.

In the lounge students were already gathering around the big screen television. The first tower had just barely collapsed. I looked around at the faces. There were the expected faces of disbelief, sadness, fear, anger, and those that I am not able to explain. I was thinking that it looked like some sort of movie with an unbelievable plot. I sat there for what seemed like a couple of hours watching the standing tower burn, and listening to the fear in Brokaw's voice. As I thought of the lives that were being wasted the second tower fell to the ground. My eyes began to water and tears were streaming down my face. I decided I should go to work.

I was now running to my car to go to work. I was running because I wanted to hear the news on the radio. On my way to the car I heard a girl say into her cell phone that she couldn't believe classes were canceled just because some planes had crashed. For a split second the anger already being built up inside of me was directed at her, but I realized she must not comprehend the significance of what was going on in New York and Washington D.C. When I arrived to my car I turned on the radio and listened intently.

As expected the environment at work was much like the one at school. Everybody was huddled around the television in the kitchen

and a couple of my co-workers were crying. I heard the first story that made the event hit close to home for me. Six of my co-workers including the man who helped my transition into this office had tickets for flight 11 from Boston to LA for the following Monday at the exact same time. This started to make what was going on seem so much more real.

That night I was anxious to see my son knowing that he would remind me again of the reasons why I am supposed to believe in human beings. Of course once I saw his face I was reminded about what was right in the world. This feeling was helped by the events of the next day such as the overflow of blood donated, and the countless volunteers and heroes that had been shown to me on the news reports, and the worldwide outpouring of sympathy. Yesterday showed the good that such an evil event can bring out in the people of this country and around the world. I was also able to end the day on a positive note by stopping by Wal-Mart, my purpose was to buy an American flag, for the first time in my life I was happy to see a store out of the product I had come to buy.

Today I am starting to try to understand what has happened. As I am sure is the case with many Americans the reality is starting to set in. Anger and pride are the two feelings flowing through my soul at the moment. I am angry at the horrible people who have done this, at those who cheered and were satisfied with this, and with the fact that this was something that could not be prevented. I am proud that Americans are uniting, that people are being pulled out of the rubble, and that the World has spoken against terrorism.

A week ago my worries and thoughts were about my son, my job possibilities upon graduation, whether she would let me visit her, about my credit card debt, and a host of other things the average American male worries about. Today besides my son none of these worries seem to be as important. I am thankful I am here and that all those I know and

See NOMICHITH, page 6.

Making friends at UMass Lowell

by Michael Milton
First-year transfer student

I just transferred here from a small college in Rhode Island. I'm used to walking around seeing the same people, having the same conversations, and then thinking to myself, “Why the hell do I have to talk to that person?” Well, now here at UMass I don't have that problem. In fact, I don't really know anyone here. The only two people who talk to me is that annoying kid from orientation, and some random girl who I don't know (apparently she knows me). I actually miss having the same fake conversations for lack of anything better. I know that in time I will get to meet people, but how do I speed up the process?

Well, after a lot of thought (and a lot of beer), me and my friends from Merrimack College have come up with some sure-fire ways to make friends at school:

Squirt guns. Technically it still is summer. So we thought that squirt guns were a

good way of making friends. Think about it. When it's this hot out who doesn't want to get squirted. It's fun for everyone. The person gets cooled off, you look like a hero. What could go wrong with this?

Stickers. Stuff magazine had these great stickers. Some of the included, “Ask me about my smell,” and “Caution: Hung like a fruit fly.” Others had pictures of various animals doing questionable things. To make friends you can stick these stickers on the back of unsuspecting people. It'll be a good laugh. Everyone will realize how much of a fun person that you are and you'll have friends instantaneously.

The invisible dog. Though popular 10 years ago, it's time to bring this fad back. Everyone will want to pet your dog “Pepper.” And if they don't they are not the friends that you would want anyway.

Sing. What could be more fun than busting out in the mid-

dle of campus during class changes singing “We've got the funk.” No one will ever forget you. It will be even better if you attempt to get the “crowd” into it. If a date is what you need, try crooning. I strongly recommend “Heaven” by Warrant.

Name tags. If all else fails, revert to taking tips from Elaine from Sienfield. (wrong Spelling) Though it didn't work in New York, try it at out U Mass Lowell. Design your own name tag and were it proudly. Sure they still might ignore you, but at least they'll know how creative you are.

We came up with some more, but by that point I think we lost the pen.

So I hope that this list has helped someone out...but just remember, I'm not responsible for any negative consequences. It was probably your fault anyway, you didn't follow the instructions well enough. If anyone wants to hear more ways to meet friends, or would like to be my friend, just ask me. I'm the guy with the red car.

the **Hawk Talk** line

The Hawk Talk line is a survey asking members of the UMass Lowell community to anonymously voice their opinion on a given question. It's the perfect opportunity to speak your mind on the little things that are often overlooked.

This Week's Responses:

This week, we asked students to tell us about what they think of their class schedule this semester...

"Scheduling for me was really easy this semester because there was only one section open of Music Theory 4, one section open of Aural Skills 4, no sections open of Conducting and one section open of Calculus II. It really made my schedule easy because I had no options."

"My schedule was pretty good. I tried to get into an Economics class but the teacher was a bitch about it. But other than that, I have all my classes so yeah, scheduling was awesome this year."

"Hi. I graduated last year. This is Dani McSheffery and I just wanted to leave a message for Steve K. and Rob Velella to let you both know that I care enough to leave you guys a message on the Hawk Talk Line. Although I don't have any classes, nor do I have any good or bad professors, I just wanted to let you both know that I miss you both very much and I just thought I'd leave this message. You better print this, guys! Okay, bye."

"I feel bad because I don't have anything extraordinary to say but I have gotten all the classes I wanted and my teachers are all very cool this year and I'm hoping everyone else is getting the same kind of results that I am at UMass Lowell."

"I got all the classes I wanted because unlike some people I sign up for my classes in April and May like I'm supposed to, and I don't wait until August like some do, and that's why they don't get into any of their classes."

This Week's Question:

When this issue is published, it will have been a full week since the terrorist attacks on American soil.

Please leave your thoughts about the devastating events of Sept. 11, 2001.

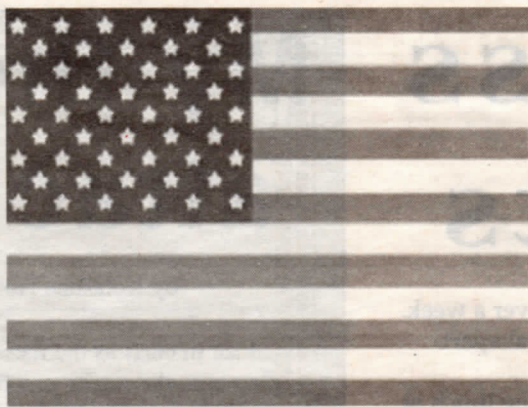
We'd like to hear your personal experiences and your opinions on what happens now.

Please leave a message for the Hawk Talk Line.

Leave a voice mail message (keep it fairly short) and we'll print as many responses as we can in our next issue.

Forgot the number? It's **978-934-5700**. It's available 24 hours a day, but get those responses in by no later than Friday at 5:00 PM.

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The Connector and its staff would like to extend our sympathies to all those affected by Tuesday's attacks.

NOMICITH, Cont'd from page 6.

care about are ok, but I am sad that there are people wandering the streets of New York hoping that their loved ones are somehow breathing under ten stories of rubble.

I am very often on the liberal sides of many issues, but today I am of one party and one belief. My party is that of an American. My belief is that somebody needs to be punished. I will wait for another day to try to think of the social, political, religious, economical, and the other ramifications that will come about because of Monday's events. We have tried in the past to persuade these people to speak our language of diplomacy, but I have learned that they cannot learn to speak our language. The only way we will be able to communicate with these people is to speak their language, and as much as I would normally oppose this type of action Monday's events have changed my views. We must send our message to these international thugs in the one language they are capable of understanding. That language is the language of terror. I hope we can learn to speak this language well and are able to tell them just how we feel about what has happened in our own backyard.

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From the Chancellor

This message was sent via e-mail distribution to all faculty, staff, and students of the University.

To: University Community
From: Chancellor William T. Hogan
Re: Terrorist Attacks

As we mourn for those lost and injured in the attacks in New York and Washington, it is important that we support each other in this difficult time. Faculty, staff, and students in our university community who have concerns or problems are encouraged to contact either the Counseling Center (ext. 4331), Student Services (ext. 2100), Campus Ministry, through the Catholic Center (454-0151), or the International Student Office (ext. 2386).

The University continues to offer its commuter and resident students a protected, caring environment.

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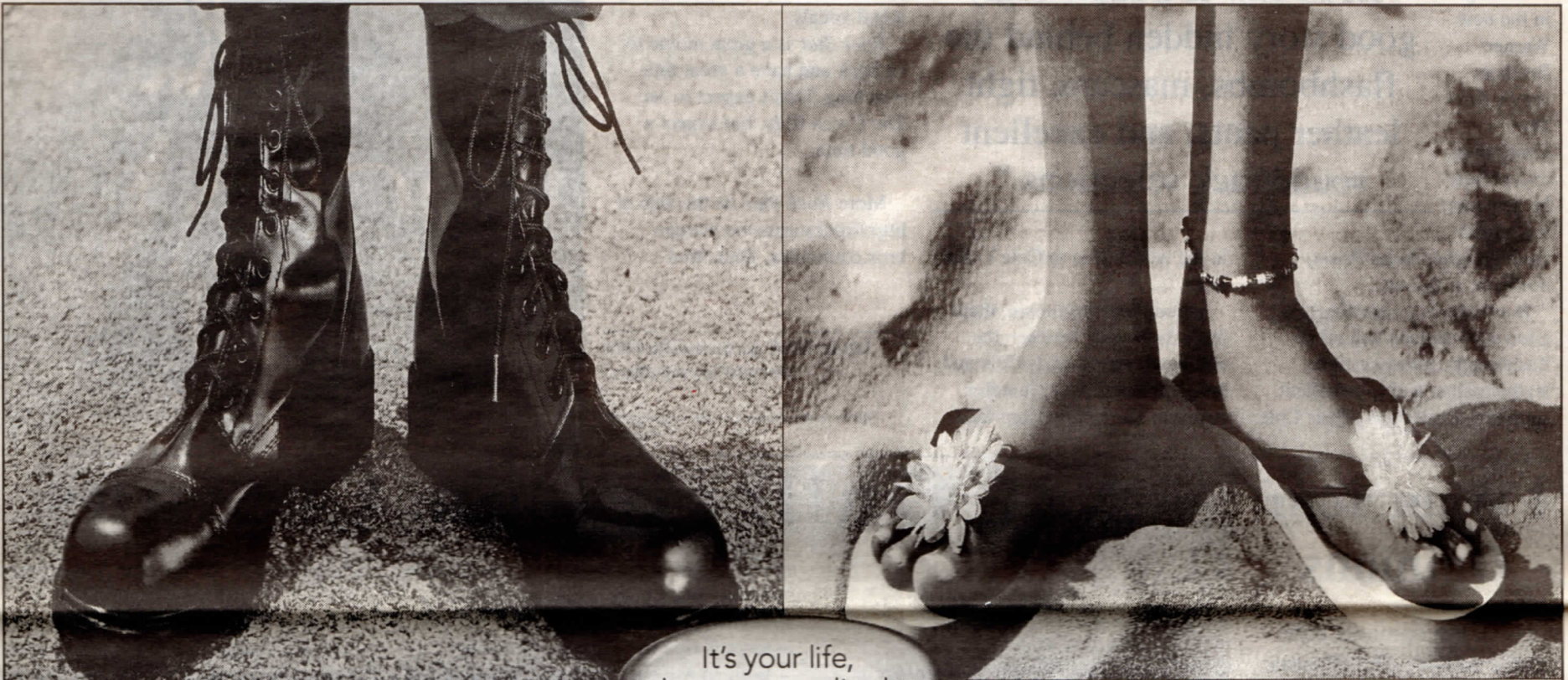
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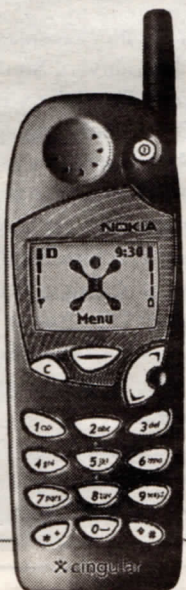
Yearbook meets every Tuesday in Fox Rm. 430B from 5 - 7 p.m.

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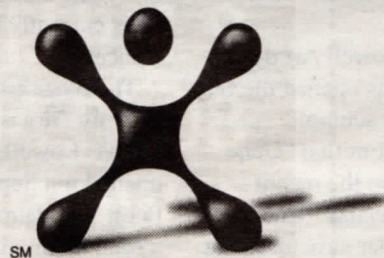
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Arts and Entertainment

Heavy Metal on the Silver Screen

by Robert Harris Blatt
Connector Editor

The heavy metal fairytale that once is Tim "Ripper" Owens life can now be loosely seen through Chris "Izzy" Cole

(Mark Wahlberg) in the new Warner Brothers movie *Rock Star*. Everything except how he gets into the mighty Steel Dragon (Judas Priest) however, is fiction.

Rock Star is a suprisingly good story hidden behind the flashbombs, mascara, tight leather pants, and an excellent soundtrack selection. Chris Cole

fronts a Steel Dragon tribute band, and after being kicked out of the band, he somehow winds up auditioning for the lead spot in the very band he idolizes.

The rest of the movie deals with how becoming the singer in the most famous metal band

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in the world does to Cole's character.

Throughout the movie, there lies a love story between the childhood sweethearts Cole and his girlfriend Emily (Jennifer Aniston). The relationship faces

an obvious wall when it comes to the partying lifestyle of heavy metal heroes.

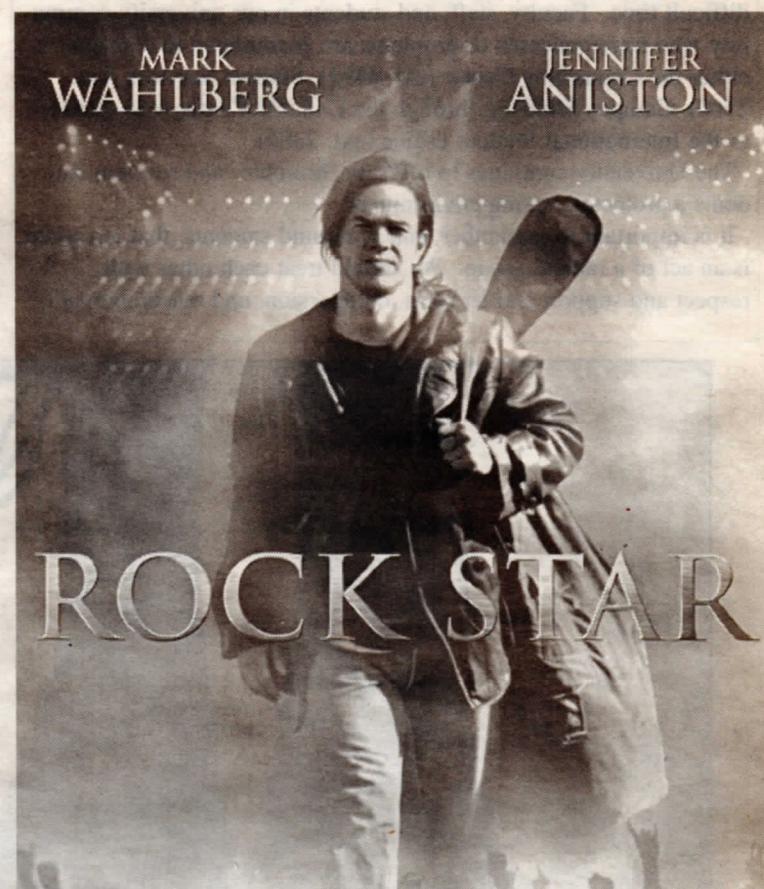
By far the best part about this movie is the PR that's being done for it. Through the movie's website, you can karaoke all the songs done by Steel Dragon, record them and upload them for the world to hear your heavy metal vocals.

Rock Star is a great movie to sit back and have a great time watching. Don't expect to see *The Green Mile*, but expect a good time.

More *Rock Star* on the web at http://rockstarmovie.warnerbros.com/index_flash.html

Marky Mark grows his Hip-Hop hair past his shoulders.

Movie poster courtesy of above mentioned website.



I Want Your Opinions

Think the opinions here aren't worth jack? Wanna do something about it? Then join the Arts and Entertainment staff. Heard a good or bad CD lately? Seen a terrible movie lately? Seen a good movie lately? Let the campus know about it by joining the Connector! Either come by Fox 426 on a Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m., a Sunday evening, call x5009 and ask for Robert Blatt, or E-Mail me at connector@uml.edu. Let me hear you, UMass.

Art Galleries on Campus

by Robert Harris Blatt
Connector Editor

Currently, there are two different art galleries on display on campus. There is a sculptural work gallery by C.M. Schroeder and a painting form and space gallery by students under the direction of the artist Sally Girgas.

On Sept. 4, the UMass Lowell Art department and the College of Arts opened the fall semester with works by the sculptor Christopher M. Schroeder. Entitled "Gene Pool," the gallery focuses on the recent mapping of the human molecular structure.

This sequence of molecular structure, that is said to carry and determine who and what we are, has been called a Rosetta stone of human biology and possibly nature – a presumed key to us and other species. Schroeder speaks on what is officially referred to as the Human Genome Project. He continues about the symbolic and narra-

tive potential in our biological construction. The thought of these minute biological structures governing and affecting the world at large is ripe for narrative possibility.

With an MFA from Mass. College of Art and a BFA from the University of North Carolina, Schroeder has taught sculpture courses and other fundamental Art courses at UMass Lowell in recent years. This fall, he is currently the professor of Art Concepts.

The other art gallery under the direction of Sally Girgas, is the "Works on Campus: UMass Lowell Student Paintings." This opened on Sept. 4, the same date as Gene Pool. The Painting Form and space course is a foundation in basic concepts, focusing on the translation of the three-dimensional world to the two dimensional surface.

Students involved with this gallery include Linda McCuskey, Nicole Pare, Erin Keohane, Libby McDonald, Ryan Ocampo, Amy Clause, Michelle Russell, Kohei Kanata, Eric Fino, Meghan Hamilton and

Erica Correia. The director, Sally Girgas, received her MFA at the New York Academy of Figurative Art, and her BFA from Montserrat College of Art. Currently residing in Nashua, NH, she has taught courses throughout New England area in Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, and 2D and 3D design.

Schroeder's gallery resides on the first floor of the McGauvern Student Center on South Campus. The gallery is coordinated by the Art Department and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. Hours are from Monday to Saturday from noon to 3:00 p.m. and by appointment as well. The Painting Form and Space gallery is located in the basement of Dugin Hall and is coordinated by the Art Department and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Division of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

For more information contact the Gallery Coordinator Michelle Auger at x.3491. Both galleries are open until Sept. 28.

Television is mirroring images of tragedy

by Susan Kohnle and Sharyn Emery
Connector Staff

Television imitates our real lives everyday, while adding a Hollywood twist. The new Fox line-up for the Fall season includes a series based on college life, "Undeclared." This new series will attempt to image our day-to-day lives undoubtedly adding crazy parties and extreme out of control, extraordinary circumstances college students are notorious for. Our culture rarely misses our favorite shows that present a believable dilemma, which is solved in everyone best interest by the end of a half-hour. The new Fall season is guaranteed to produce new favorites for everyone.

However due to the recent events of Sept. 11, CBS and Fox have decided to make new changes in their Fall line-up. Both networks had shows that resemble the unbelievable and devastating events of the past week. This conundrum may appear to be mind-boggling, but the events of last Tuesday are just that surreal and the repercussions of that terrible day were felt in various entertainment media, from Broadway to Hollywood to

the professional sports world.

CBS's new series "The Agency" has references to Osama bin Laden creating a plan to blow up a department store in London. With this very real reference CBS is delaying, with the possibility of not airing, this broadcast.

Fox also is in a similar situation with their new Fall series "24." The story line follows a CIA agent trying to prevent terrorists from assassinating a presidential candidate. Also "Law & Order" will be editing out the scenes of the World Trade Center in its opening credits. "Everyone is acting incredibly appropriately." Many networks will be following this example, editing and changing their images of the New York skyline. Television's exaggerated account of our daily lives is no longer exaggerated. Last week's events are truly scene from Hollywood that have devastated our Country and its people.

Several artists cancelled live performances, among them Madonna and Aerosmith. Additionally, the live broadcasts of the Emmys and the Latin Grammys were postponed until further notice.

Hollywood has also responded, postponing the openings of a few films, including the new Tim Allen film "Big Trouble," which was scheduled to open on Sept. 21, and involves a chase for a stolen nuclear weapon.

In an eerie parallel, Arnold Schwarzenegger's new film, *Collateral Damage* was planned to open Oct. 5. Schwarzenegger plays a firefighter whose family is killed by terrorists who bomb a high-rise. According to *USA Today*, that film is expected to be postponed as well.

As I was sitting watching in disbelief, as the hijacked planes breached the trade towers, someone next to me muttered that's just like the "Die Hard" movies. Also the collapsing of two towers in a row resembles the final scene of "Fight Club." These are two instances were already written stories image these horrible events.

Hopefully the escape we find in television and other forms of media, our culture's "modern day Roman Coliseum," we will not be inundated daily by similar terrifying and tragic events.

Rollins not slowing with age

by Robert Harris Blatt
Connector Editor



album cover courtesy of www.amazon.com

When Henry Rollins turned 40 this past February 13th, most people might have thought he might be going soft. That once he turned 40, he's gonna turn into another aging pop-icon and start licensing his image to imitators in Las Vegas to do his routine since, obviously he can't cut it anymore.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. Coming off the heels of the rumors of a fist-fight with members of Rancid during this years Warped Tour, is the release of Nice. The latest studio album from Rollins since

2000's Get Some and Go Again. Again, Rollins works with producer/engineer Clif Norrell, who he worked with on Get Some and Go Again. The sound on *Nice* is thicker and filled with

more angst than recent releases by the Rollins Band. The songs take a step in the direction of when Henry was the front man in the now legendary Black Flag.

Songs like "Your Number is One", "Gone Inside the Zero", and "Stop Look and Listen" show Rollins can still wear the shoes he once wore as a mouth piece for one of the most intense bands in the business today.

And the piano driven acoustic guitar ballad at the end of the album shows off his soft side as you can hear the tears hitting the microphone as he openly weeps. Nah, just kidding. There's nothing soft about the Rollins Band's new disc *Nice*. It's pure angst-ridden adrenaline pressed into CD form.

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Trapped in a 'Glass House'

by Robert Harris Blatt
Connector Editor

Glass House had the extreme potential to be a good movie. Good acting, an interesting story and a good soundtrack were all working in it's favor.

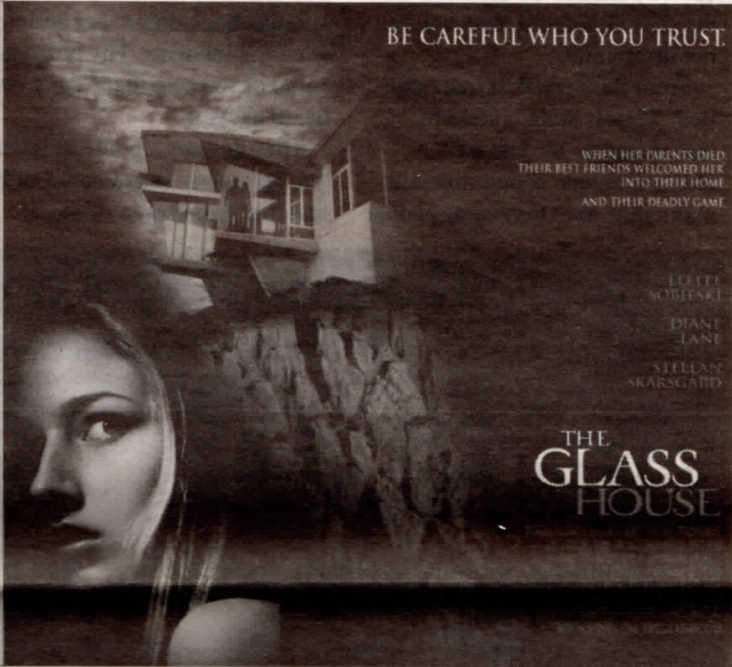
The movie deals with Ruby Baker's (Leelee Sobieski) journey as her parents die in a car accident and she is placed in the guardianship of Erin and Tracy Glass (Diane Lane and Stellan Skarsgard). She later finds out there was some tampering involved with her parent's death and does some investigating only to find out it was her guardians who committed this horrible act.

The appropriate use of piano on the soundtrack did very little to help this movie. The movie begins to falter as soon as it goes past character introduc-

tions. Suspense of disbelief is a huge prerequisite to seeing this movie.

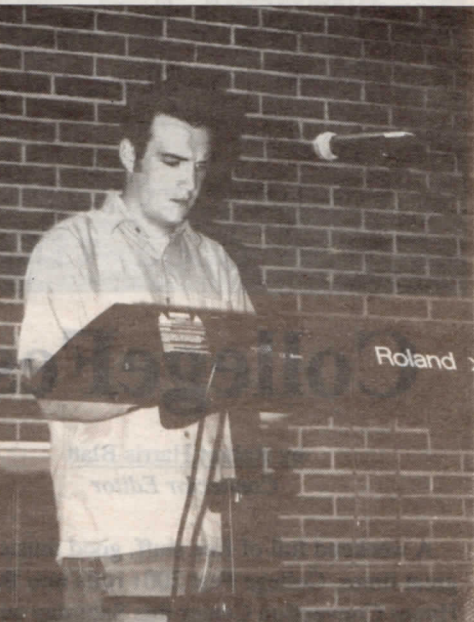
As the plot continues, the movie moves away from being an average film and moves towards becoming the latest in an unending string of teen trash movies. The antagonist never seems to get hurt or die. He keeps coming back in an extremely predictable fashion.

Somehow, I think that my night could have been better spent watching *I Know What You did Last Summer*, or any of the *Scream* movies. They, at least recognize that they are a flash in the pan, and were not expected to be taken too seriously.



movie poster courtesy of www.imdb.com

Thursday night Harris rocked the Fox Common with Boston band The Kid eternal. This served as the CD release show for Harris' new disc entitled "The First Few Year" Pictured below are Harris members Matt Scott, Robert Blatt, Mike Nastri and Andrew Sutherland, left to right. Photo credits : Dawn Naves



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Got a suggestion for a dumb/funny web site? E-mail connector@uml.edu with "Internet Connection Suggestion" in the subject line!

Bending the musical rules with System of a Down

by Bill Mueller
Connector Staff

Every once in a great while a band emerges from the swamp that is filled with your everyday, average pop music that we get bombarded by every waken moment in our lives. This band that emerges tries to not change the scene but rather to give us something different and unique to listen to. Unfortunately for us, these types of bands don't generally get tons of radio play or MTV time, and thus don't get to stick around for long. System of a Down is one of those bands that with there 1998 self entitled release tried to give us something new to listen to, and fortunately for us they've stuck around. Their recently released *Toxicity* tries to do the same as the first album did, and it does not disappoint.

From the very first track entitled "Prison Song"; you are introduced to System of a Down's unique sound that will make even the deadest of people

bounce their heads back and forth. You can't really categorize their sound, but I guess if you had to it's got a little bit of punk, some hardcore, some funk and even some hints of jazz.

Guitarist and songwriter Daron Malakian has the ability to fuse together interesting and original melodies and rhythmic modes that take you on many twist and turns. His talents on the guitar are incredible as well. Not only does he play it in the traditional manner, but he also produces unique sounds and uses the guitar in ways I've never heard.

Another talent that adds to System of a Down's sound is singer Serj Tankian. Serj has one of the most unique sounding voices I have ever heard. He has the ability to scream with tons of emotion then suddenly bringing is voice back down, but still keep the intensity. His lyrics are some of the best that I have ever heard as well.

They are not a political band, but Serj tends to grab a lot of his material from some of the

wrongdoings of our government. But he also shows us his humorous side as well, especially with the song "Bounce," which is basically about a pogo stick.

Another talent that blew me away was drummer John Dolmayan. Dolmayan is one of the best rock drummers I've heard in a long time (next to Danny Carey of Tool and Neil Peart of Rush). What makes him so good is the fusion of jazz that he throws in with his drumming, and his ability to play with time so well.

Toxicity will no doubt be one of the best releases of this year. It's one of those albums where you'll hear something new with every listen, so it won't get old quick.

The best thing about this album is that it was recorded the same way the first album was. The first album had a very raw sound to it, as does this album, it's almost just a continuation of the first, which is cool. If you're into this type of music I definitely suggest you pick this album up. Also if you get to see

System of a Down live, then go, because they are the best live band I have ever heard. They are so tight and their shows are so crazy. They will be around this area sometime in October doing the "pledge of allegiance" tour with Mudvayne, and Slipknot. Definitely not a show for the light-hearted, as I am sure that

fists will be thrown and elbows will be flung in the mosh pit, but if you can stand that sort of stuff, then go see this band.

That's it for this week, as always if you got something you want me to review call x5009 PEACE!

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Billboard's Top Ten Albums

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CollegeFest

by Robert Harris Blatt
Connector Editor

A weekend full of free stuff, good music and great times. College Fest 2001 rolls into Boston's Hynes Convention Center this Saturday and Sunday, complete with live music, prizes, and loads of free stuff to give away.

More than 100 companies will partake in this huge entertainment festival geared towards, you guessed it, college students. WFNX will be on hand with a trip to Cancun for someone to win. Everyone who enters gets a College Fest survival

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This is the fifteenth year that over 25,000 college students will join together at the College Fest, sponsored by The Boston Phoenix, WFNX, WB56, and Student Advantage.

The *Connector* is looking for people who plan to attend this monstrous event. Please either E-Mail connector@uml.edu or call at x5009, leave a message for Rob Blatt. Tickets are \$8.00 with a valid student ID, or \$6.00 with a printable coupon from www.collegefest.com. The Hynes Convention Center is located at 900 Boylston Street.



Nullset, above and Missing Joe, pictured at left, are both playing at College Fest at the Hynes Convention Center. photos courtesy of Grand Royal records and Planetary Group respectively

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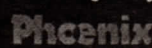
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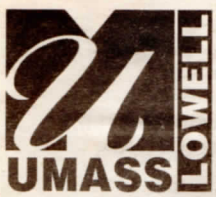
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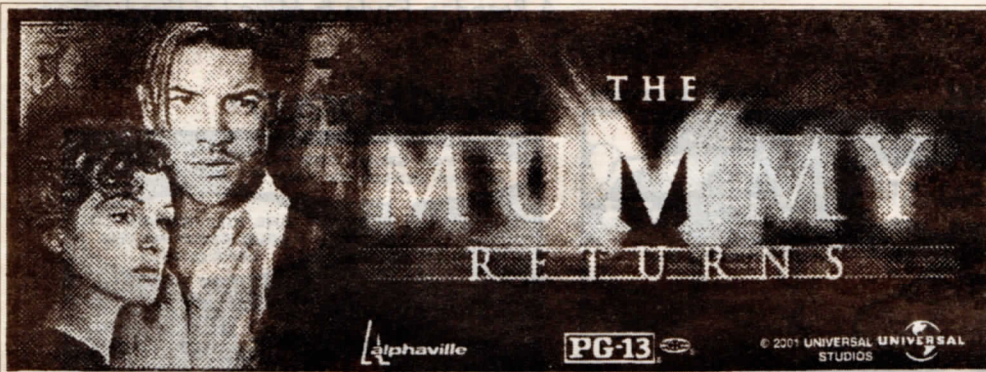
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September 4th - 28th, C.M. Schroeder's <i>Gene Pool</i>, a sculpture exhibit will be on display at the University Gallery on the first floor of McGauvern. See Arts and Entertainment for more information							
23 Catholic Center 8 PM Mass Fox 601 Protestant Service Fox 301, 6 PM ConnectoR layout Fox Hall Room 426	24 Student Leadership Dinner Fox MPR 4:30 PM RSVP x5001 "You might say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one." quote supplied by Editor-In-Chief Robness	25 STARS Leadership Meeting 410 McGauvern Student Union 3:30 - 5:00 	26 Spaghetti Supper Catholic Center 5:30 p.m. WHY ISN'T YOUR EVENT LISTED? E-mail me at connector@uml.edu , ATTN: Calendar Editor!	27 Fox Common Thursday Night Conert Series Fox Common Band T.B.A. 9:00 p.m. FREE Bible Study Fox 601 7 p.m.	28 ConnectoR articles due for 10/02 issue "Everybody's working for the weekend..."	29 Remember to call the Hawk Talk line and have your opinion heard by the school. x5700	

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You can advertise free in the Connector! Submit your info to the Calendar Editor at connector@uml.edu, ATTN: Calendar Editor. Include the day and time of the event, who is sponsoring, and any other important info! Keep in mind that due to space constraints, not all info can be included every week. Listings here are free for any campus-based group.



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However, we did run an article on this last week and you SHOULD know.

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9/20/01

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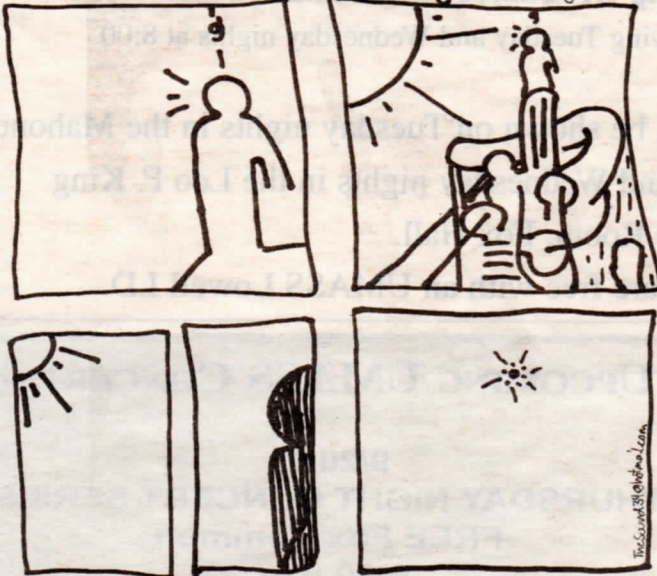
At sunset Gregor, Tatyana, Dekkar, and Quelon Leave Valor on horseback.

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Home..sigh.

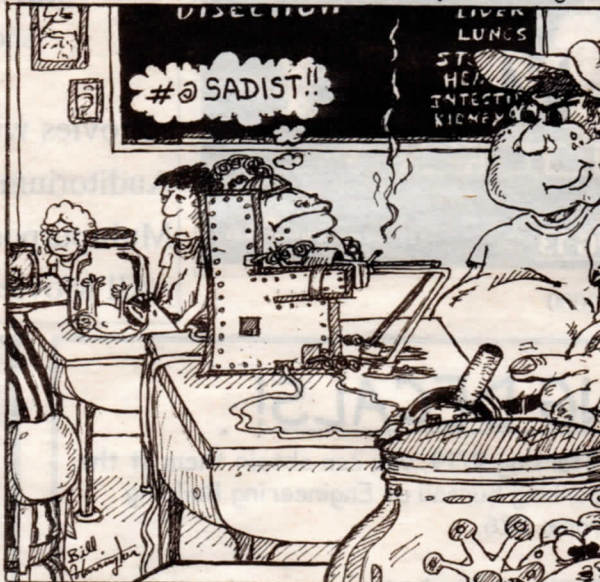
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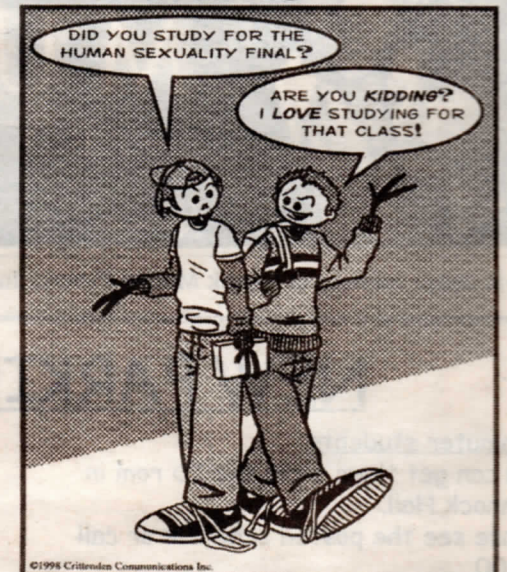


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By Bill Harrington



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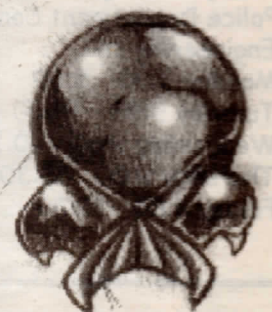
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Nomination papers are available now for positions in the Student Government Association! Available at the Student Activities Office in McGauvran 224.

If anyone would like additional information, please contact Danielle at 934-5036 or e-mail UML_SGA_Pres@hotmail.com

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Field hockey team down, but not out



River Hawks try to regroup for the second half down 2-0 to Bryant college.

Photo by Joseph Vargus

Bryant shut out the River Hawks 3-0 Friday after an emotional pre-game candlelight vigil

Press Release
Athletic Media Relations

LOWELL, MA (Sept. 14, 2001) – The Bryant Bulldogs scored two times in the first half and once in the second half to cap an emotional night at Cushing Field with a 3-0 victory in the Northeast Conference opener for both teams.

After a candlelight vigil at the start of the game for the victims of Tuesday's tragedy and to show solidarity within our country the River Hawks and Bulldogs play the game. Freshmen forward Melissa Talamini (Mendon, MA/Nipmuc Regional) opened up the scoring with an unassisted goal on a rebound off the pads of UMass Lowell goalie Patrice Mendoza (Wilmington, MA/Wilmington) in the 8th minute. Junior forward Emily Grandment (Auburn, MA/Auburn) tallied her fourth goal of the season in the 24th minute and junior forward Lindsey Schookraft (Barre, MA/Quabbin) finished the scoring out with a goal in the 54th minute.

Mendoza finished with three saves for the River Hawks who are back in action on Tuesday when they travel to Worcester to take on Asumption. The Bulldogs will be home tomorrow afternoon to face Houghton.

GAME STATS:

Team Scorer Assist(s) Time
Bryant Melissa Talamini unassisted 8th
Bryant Emily Grandment unassisted 24th
Bryant Lindsay Schoolcraft unassisted 54th

Goalkeepers

Patrice Mendoza (UML): 3 save, 70 minutes
Sharon Foley (Bryant) 3 saves, 70 minutes

Grand Opening of Cushing Athletic Complex

Press Release
Athletic Media Relations

Saturday, September 22, 2001

UMass Lowell has spent some \$4.6 million over the last three years to bring the University into further compliance with Title IX, the law requiring colleges to ensure gender equity in whatever investments they make in sports programs. The centerpiece of that \$4.6 million investment is the Cushing Athletic Complex located just outside the Costello Gymnasium.

The Cushing Complex now has an 8-lane running track, an artificial grass surface, a natural grass field as well as newly refurbished tennis courts. This new complex is now home to Field Hockey, Football, Men's & Women's Soccer, and Men's & Women's Track & Field, and Men's & Women's Tennis.

Join us for the **Grand Opening of Cushing Athletic Complex** and the Kick-Off to the yearlong Celebration of Women's Sports on September 22.

Schedule Of Events

11:00 am	Grand Opening Ceremony
12:00 pm	Brunch
1:00 pm	Field Hockey vs. Southern Connecticut State
1:30 pm	Women's Soccer vs. St. Michael's College
4:30 pm	Men's Soccer vs. St. Michael's College
5:00 pm	Football vs. Southern Connecticut State

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Double Trouble



Men's and Women's Soccer Head Coach Ted Priestly prepares both of his squads for overtime in their match-ups this weekend against LaMoyné.

Photos by Joseph Vargus

By Sarah Ralls
Connector Contributor

In Women's Soccer, the UMass Lowell River Hawks composed their first win of the season as they overwhelmed the La Moyné Dolphins with a 2-1 victory. Forward Lauren Putnam (Fr.) and forward Meaghan Leary (Jr.) led the scoring for the River Hawks Saturday afternoon at Cushing Field.

La Moyné got the early lead when forward Sarah Jones (Fr.) was able to score off a rebound in the seventh minute. Putnam tied the game from Lowell when she converted a cross from mid fielder Sara Borland (Sr.).

Leary clinched the win in the 84th minute when she tucked a shot off a corner kick from mid-fielder Jessa Koschman (Fr.).

The victory for the River Hawks ended a 4- game losing streak to improve their overall record to 1-4. They remain 1-2 in the NE-10 while Le Moyné, with yet another loss, fell to 0-5 over and 0-4 in the Northeast-10.

UML goalkeeper Nicole Downs (Fr.) blocked 3 shots even as La Moyné out-shot UML 9-7. Suzanne Mullen (So.) had four saves for the Dolphins.

by Sarah Ralls
Connector Contributor

The UMass Lowell River Hawks Men's Soccer team escaped a 2-0 defeat to win 3-2 over the La Moyné Dolphins Saturday afternoon in a Northeast-10 Conference match up.

La Moyné opened the scoring in the 11th minute when forward Francesco Rivero (Sr.) scored unassisted. Dolphins' defender Jimmy Rivero (Sr.) gave La Moyné a cushioned lead with another unassisted goal in the 74th minute.

UML's forward Kevin McMenamin (So.) put Lowell on the board in the 82nd minute when he tucked in a rebound off a shot by

mid-fielder Brandon Curran (Jr.). Curran found the net off a shot by McMenamin to carry the game into overtime.

With two minutes into the extra session, McMenamin drove a through-ball to forward Michael Paige (Sr.) who then broke free of the defense to tuck a shot by Dolphin goalkeeper Craig Palleschi for the River Hawks' win.

UML outshot La Moyné 9-4 as goalkeeper Dan Bellacqua (Fr.) had three saves in his first start for Lowell. Palleschi stopped three shots for Le Moyné.

The River Hawks improved their record to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the NE-10 while La Moyné slipped to 4-1 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

Support your local hooker!

by UML Women's Rugby Team
Connector Special Edition

What is rugby? Well, some say elegant violence.

Rugby is a sport which combines the speed and skills of all its 15 players.

Unlike football, in rugby the ball is not allowed to be passed forward, instead it must be passed backwards to upcoming players. This results in more contact on the field.

The ball is carried or can however be kicked up the field to gain yards for the team.

The sport invites all levels of skills and abilities, and there is a position for everyone. The team is separated into powerful forwards, those whose job primarily is to

defend the ball, and agile backs, the runners of the game. Both forwards and backs work in conjunction with each other to create a winning team.

Although, rugby's popularity is spreading into high schools over the country, most US players begin their career at a collegiate level. In fact, many ruggers start playing without ever witnessing a game.

Currently UML's rugby teams have had successful seasons in the past. Multiple championships for the men's team, and 2 strong, undefeated seasons for the women. Both teams are continuously seeking new players with or without rugby experience.

For more information

e-mail: umlrugby@yahoo.com. And please, come support your teams!

Rugby Schedule:

9.22 HOME Wheaton
9.29 @ MIT
10.6 @ Brandeis
10.13 HOME MIT
10.20 HOME Brandeis
10.27 @ Wheaton

Locations:

MIT- Boston
Brandeis - Waltham
Wheaton - Norton (an hour south)

River Hawks Sweep Two Games; Stay Undefeated at Home

Press Release
Athletic Media Relations

LOWELL, MA (Sept. 15, 2001) – UMass Lowell won two matches in an eight

hour span and improve to 3-0 at the Costello Gymnasium.

This afternoon the River Hawks, sparked by 19 kills, 16 digs and four blocks from junior OH Erin Miller (Auburn, WA/Fife) and 19 digs, nine kills and two aces from junior OH Stacey Graf (Orange, CA/Villa Park), defeated Dowling College 3-1.

In the night cap the River Hawks (3-2 overall, 2-0 in the Northeast-10) jumped out to a 2-0 lead and held on for a 3-2 victory over Merrimack College. Junior MH Jamie Guyer (Sanbornton, NH/Winnisquam) lead the way with 18 kills, 10 digs, four blocked shots and two aces. Miller added 17 kills and 11 digs and Graf chipped in with 13 kills and 16 digs.

Senior co-captain Jane Callahan (Dracut, MA/Dracut) finished with a combined 16 kills and 22 digs, senior co-captain Alicia Bogacz (Haverhill, MA/Haverhill) reached down for 23 digs and sophomore setter

Andrea Turner (Highland Ranch, CO/Thunder Ridge) added 95 assists in the two games.

Senior Courtney Desrosiers (Dracut, MA/Dracut) contributed with 16 serve receives, senior Meagan McKenney (Aurora, CO/Smiky Hill) and junior Diane Dynon (North Kingstown, RI/North Kingstown) each chipped in with 13 kills, senior MH Kristen Wysocki (Merrimack, MA/Andover) and

senior Stacy Devanney (Aurora, CO/Overland) finished with 17 digs for the Warriors against UMass Lowell.

The River Hawks will take to the floor again on Tuesday evening at the Costello Gym in a Northeast-10 matchup at 7 p.m.

by Joseph Vargus
 Connector Editor

The River Hawks Play On

How many people reading this article have spent at least an hour a day glued to the television listening to update after update, since last week's horrific tragedy?

Everyone is so concerned with helping and the students feel UMass Lowell did their part this past weekend by letting the athletes play.

It gave the students as well as their families a form of entertainment and a much needed break from the news. At some point during all of this confusion, we have to realize that life must go on.

UMass Lowell took that first important step towards normalcy this weekend, although when asked after the game if he felt he made the right decision to let the kids play, UML athletic director Dana Skinner said, "It is a tough balance, the balance between not allowing terrorist acts to ruin the American spirit on one hand and taking a pause to pay proper respect on the other hand. I am still not sure if we did the right thing, but we all have to do our little piece to contribute here."

Both teams came ready to play and neither looked like their focus was elsewhere, even though C.W. Post is located within thirty miles of Manhattan's World Trade Center.

C.W. Post's running game proved to be too much for UMass Lowell's defense as junior RB Ian Smart rushed for a game-high 207 yards on thirty carries and scored four touchdowns.

Amidst the 43-15 loss, the River Hawks continue to show a desire to win and are slowly coming along in their brand new offensive and defensive schemes.

Sophomore QB Geoff Gardner had another impressive performance completing 11 of 22 passing for 154 yards and one touchdown. Sophomore WR Johnson Owumi and junior WR Chris DeGree combined for 119 yards, while Senior CB Tomasz Pagos led the defense with 8.5 tackles and an interception.

There were plenty of bright spots on Saturday. This team has no choice but to improve and the major theme that continues to plague their progress is depth. Not many people realize the team only has 16 players on defense and without reserves to give them a breather, it is nearly impossible to stay energized in the second half late in the game.

After the game Coach Dembowski said, "this is the best team in our conference hands down and we made a lot of young mistakes in the second half, but we had a lot of opportunities to score. We had a couple turnovers and a couple silly fouls on defense, but we will go back to the drawing board and get after them next week."

The football team plays again this Saturday against Southern Connecticut.

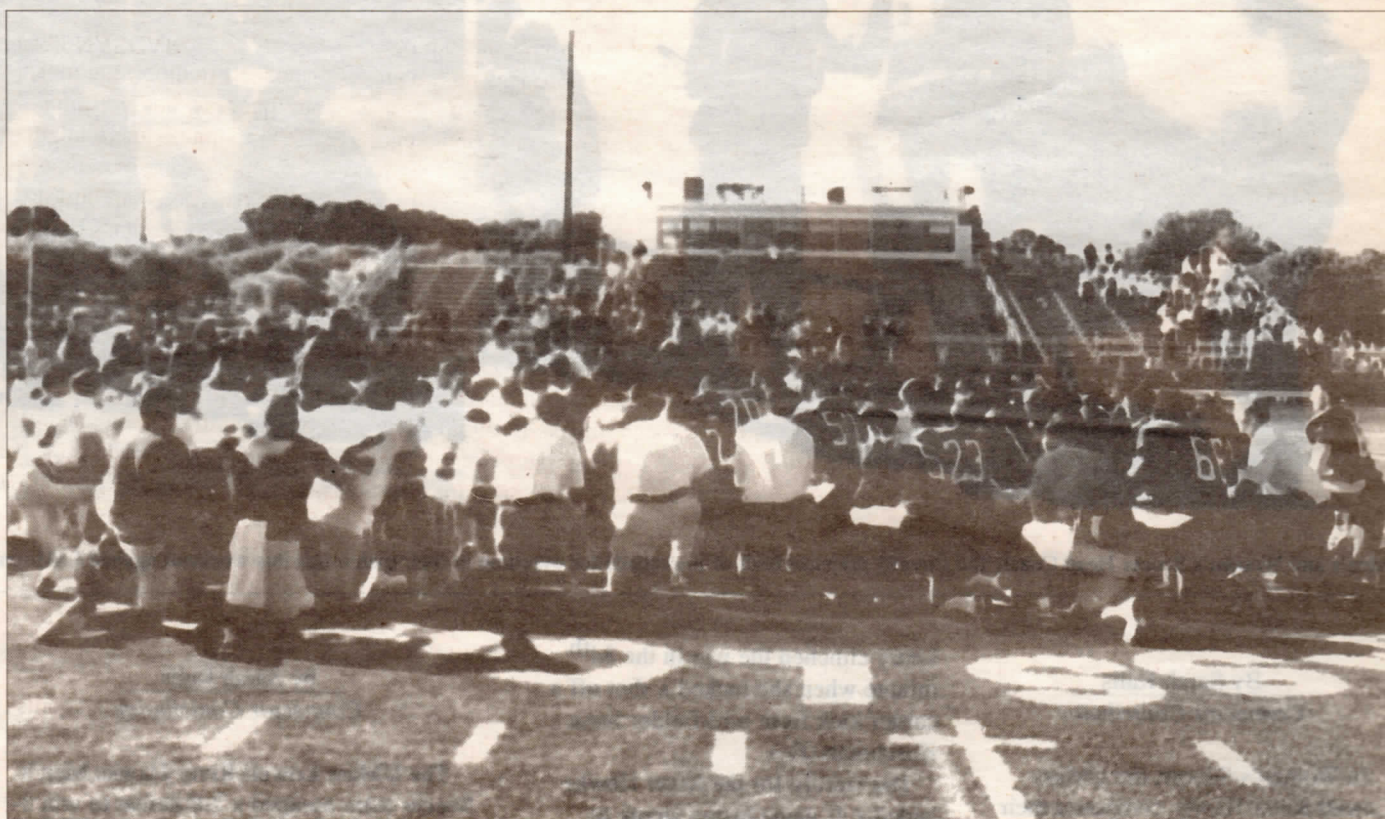


Photo by Joseph Vargus

UMass Lowell and C.W. Post gather together after the game to pray for those, who lost their lives in Tuesday's tragedy.

Let's Keep the Ball Rolling

by Benjamin Hanson
 Connector Contributor

Stadiums across our nation are silent. Groundskeepers are the only people pacing the fields. The blinking lights on scoreboards are switched off. Locker rooms are sterile and fresh. Parking lots are free of congestion. Stadium smells are without the influences of tobacco, fried foods, or grilled barbecue.

The space underneath many seats has not had the chance to collect sticky condiment packets or empty cups of soda and beer.

Professional and college players are missing and the reporters that tell their stories cannot be found anywhere.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks against the United States of America, commissioners and representatives around the sports world have decided to put a hold on major events, including Major League Baseball, the National Football League, and NASCAR.

Televised sports and entertainment have taken the backseat to world news.

Many people have indicated that professional sports are the last thing on their mind.

Two recent Internet polls taken by Yahoo! Sports suggested that 10 percent of those polled hope that Major League Baseball will reconvene at a later time. 46 percent want the

National Football League to wait until next week to resume play. It is quite impressive to note how far this attack upon our democracy has reached.

The most loyal fans are in fear of attending games while the most skillful athletes are in fear of playing. I, on the other hand, suggest that we do something that is not very original at all. I suggest we play.

On Jan. 27, 1991, Super Bowl XXV was played, merely 11 days after America had entered the Persian Gulf War. Threats of terrorism, increased security measures, and the cancellation of pre-

game events hampered the day's activities.

Prior to the game, the NFL released a statement saying, "In light of the Persian Gulf War, we plan to emphasize the game itself." Whitney Houston began the evening by singing the National Anthem, which ended up inspiring the world.

And courageously, the opening kickoff was returned while FBI sharpshooters positioned themselves high atop Tampa Stadium. Hands were held. Flags were waved.

Two teams successfully competed on the field and America once again proved its resilience amongst political uncertainty.

Let's face it; professional sports are held near to this nation's heart. The competitive spirit is the blood running through its veins. Even in despair, crowds join together to stand up for their home team.

A perfect example is right here in downtown Boston. The Red Sox win and we are

happy. They lose and we are sad. They win a lot and we are surprised. And they lose a lot and we are not surprised. The point is no one gives up on them.

As Boston fans we are tragically ruthless but, at the same time, we are admirably devoted. It is sports we need. We need something to be passionate about, together.

I am not suggesting that we jeopardize our security or our athlete's security. I am not suggesting that we just move on and forget about Sept. 11 either.

However, I do believe that America's people can do without bleak visions of suicide airplanes, exploding buildings, and sky-diving financial executives 24 hours a day.

Instead, I think we should allow the pennant race, football season, and NASCAR schedule to resume as well as all other sporting events. It would only confirm our uncommon strength as a nation.

Scores

Football

UML 15 C.W. Post 43

Men's Soccer

UML 3 LeMoyne 2

Women's Soccer

UML 2 LeMoyne 1

Field Hockey

UML 0 Bryant 3

Upcoming River Hawk Matches

Football

Sat. 9/22 UML vs. Southern CT 5:00pm

Men's Soccer

Tues. 9/18 UML vs. Green Mountain 7:00pm

Sat. 9/22 UML vs. St Michael's 4:00pm

Women's Soccer

Wed. 9/19 UML vs. AIC 7:00pm

Sat. 9/22 UML vs. St. Michael's 1:30pm

Field Hockey

Tues. 9/18 UML @ Assumption 4:00pm

Thu. 9/20 UML vs. AIC 7:00pm

Sat. 9/22 UML vs. Southern CT 1:00pm

Volleyball

Tues. 9/18 UML vs. Bentley 7:00pm

Sat. 9/22 UML @ Bentley Tour. 1:30pm

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